

Congrats on getting this far!
Good luck!

Ministerul Educației Naționale
Inspectoratul Școlar al Municipiului București
OLIMPIADA DE LIMBA ENGLEZĂ 2013-2014 - Etapa pe sector - clasa a XI-a - varianta 1

I. (10 points) Read the text below and decide which variant (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.

Next time you look in the mirror, try standing sideways on. Do you see a long elegant back or are your shoulders as rounded as the hump of a camel? Bad posture starts in our teenage years when we slouch around with our mates trying to look cool. But (1)_____ up those who now while away their days sitting in front of a computer where it's (2)_____ too easy to neglect something as essential as good posture! As we grow older, these poor (3)_____ are exacerbated, but by taking (4)_____ immediately, we can't only look and feel better but protect our body for the future. Make sure you sleep on a firm mattress at night. (5)_____ lying flat on your back; instead, try sleeping in a curled position on your side. The (6)_____ revival in platform shoes doesn't help and wearing shoes with heels more than (7)_____ centimetres high is just asking for (8)_____. Don't load everything into a bag that you wear on one shoulder or you'll end up lopsided. (9)_____ the weight evenly by wearing a rucksack or even a bag around the waist. When you get home from a day's work, it's all too (10)_____ to slump on the sofa in front of the telly.

- | | | | |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. A. head | B. feet | C. eyes | D. hands |
| 2. A. so | B. quite | C. all | D. rather |
| 3. A. customs | B. habits | C. rituals | D. practices |
| 4. A. course | B. something | C. moves | D. action |
| 5. A. Evade | B. Prevent | C. Avoid | D. Restrain |
| 6. A. existing | B. topical | C. contemporary | D. current |
| 7. A. various | B. several | C. considerable | D. numerous |
| 8. A. concern | B. problem | C. trouble | D. fuss |
| 9. A. Scatter | B. Circulate | C. Disseminate | D. Distribute |
| 10. A. enticing | B. attractive | C. irresistible | D. tempting |

II. (10 points) Fill the gaps in the text below with ONE suitable word:

If you have been deleting a lot of unwanted e-mail recently, you are not (1)_____. Perhaps the biggest headache for the web users today is (2)_____ with spam - those endless adverts we find in our e-mail inboxes. As many as 100 million spam messages are sent everyday, and downloading and deleting them entails (3)_____ inconvenience and expense, costing web users as (4)_____ as \$1 billion a day in lost time. And perhaps even more annoying is the fact that the content of the spam can be embarrassing or even dangerous. But attempts to make spam illegal have met (5)_____ opposition in the USA from supporters of free speech.

So far now it is (6)_____ to the individual to stop the spam. But without help, this can be a lengthy process, deleting individual e-mails by hand. (7)_____ successful method has been to install a spam filter which identifies e-mails as spam and "kills" them. (8)_____, these filters can also delete normal e-mails, too. Technology, (9)_____ would seem, is no competition for an (10)_____ -fashioned stamp and envelope.

III. (10 points) Read the text below and use the words given in capitals to form words that fit in the gaps. The words in capitals are given in the order in which you need to use them:

1-SPECIFIC, 2-AUTHORISE, 3-SUBSCRIBE, 4-OWN, 5-HISTORY, 6-EXCLUDE, 7-BASE, 8-GOVERN, 9-MILE, 10-PRIME

Copyright is the inalienable, legally secured right to publish, reproduce, and sell the matter and form of a literary, musical, dramatic, or artistic work. Copyright is designed (1)_____ to protect an artist, publisher, or other owner against any (2)_____ copying of his works - as by reproducing the work in any material form, publishing it, performing it in public, filming it, broadcasting it, causing it to be distributed to (3)_____ or making any adaptation of the work. A copyright supplies a copyright holder with a kind of (4)_____ over the created

material, which assures him of both control over its use and the monetary benefits derived from it. (5) _____ copyrights grew out of the same system as royal patent grants, by which certain authors and painters were given the (6) _____ right to publish books and other materials. The (7) _____ purpose of such grants was not to protect the authors' or the publishers' rights, but to raise (8) _____ revenue and give governing authorities control over publicised contents. The Statute Anne, passed in England in 1797, was a (9) _____ in the history of copyright law as it recognized that authors should be the (10) _____ beneficiaries of copyright law.

IV. (20 points) Rephrase the following sentences so that they contain the words in capitals, and so that the meaning stays the same:

- | | |
|---|-----------|
| 1. Do you mind if I come over to see you later?
Do you have _____ over to see you later? | OBJECTION |
| 2. Apparently, they're planning on rerouting the traffic to reduce congestion.
Plans _____ up to reroute the traffic to reduce congestion. | DRAWN |
| 3. That's the garage where I left my car last week.
That's the garage where I went _____ last week. | REPAIRED |
| 4. He would never have guessed that at the age of 17 he would be playing for his country.
_____ that at the age of 17 he would be playing for his country. | LITTLE |
| 5. Brian couldn't explain how the stolen computer got into the boot of his car.
Brian _____ how the stolen computer got into the boot of his car. | LOSS |
| 6. "What about throwing a party for Steve?" said Meg.
Meg _____ for Steve. | SUGGESTED |
| 7. Please don't touch the exhibits.
I _____ touch the exhibits. | RATHER |
| 8. Let's delay the decision until next week.
Let's _____ decision until next week. | OFF |
| 9. We bought more food than was necessary for the party.
We _____ so much food for the party. | NEEDN'T |
| 10. The union claims its members will only return to work if the company agrees to a meeting.
The union claims its members will _____ the company agrees to a meeting. | NOT |

V. (50 points) - ARTICLE WRITING

An international teen blog has asked for articles about the things that annoy young people the most. You decide to write an article in which you discuss what really gets on your nerves and why. Give your article a title.

Write your article in 200-220 words.

Think about:

- a challenging title;
- clear topic sentences;
- clear arguments;
- is your article thought-provoking?
- is your article well structured?

SCRIE ÎN RĂSPUNSURILE PE FOAIA DE RĂSPUNS (ANSWER SHEET). BARĂ ÎN TOATE SPAȚIILE NECOMPLETATE. TIMP DE LUCRU: 3 ORE. NU SE ACORDĂ PUNCTE DIN OFICIU.

PUNCTAJ SI BAREM

I. (10 puncte)

1.D 2.C 3.B 4.D 5.C 6.D 7.B 8.C 9.D 10.D

II. (10 puncte)

1-alone 2-dealing 3-both 4-much 5-with 6-up 7-One/A 8-Unfortunately/However 9-it 10-old

III. (10 puncte)

1-specifically, 2-unauthorised, 3-subscribers, 4-ownership, 5-Historically, 6-exclusive, 7-basic, 8-government, 9-milestone, 10-primary

IV. (20 puncte) Rephrase the following sentences so that the meaning stays the same:

1. any objection to my/me coming
2. are being drawn
3. to get my car repaired/to get the car repaired/to have the car repaired/to have my car repaired
4. Little did he know/Little did he realize
5. was at a loss to explain
6. suggested throwing a party/(that) they throw/they should throw/they threw a party
7. would rather you did not/didn't
8. put off (making) a/the
9. needn't have bought
10. not return to work unless

V. (50 points) – Article Writing – 200-220 words

vezi GRILA PENTRU CORECTAREA LUCRĂRILOR SCRISE (Descriptori)

NOTĂ: Pentru subiectele II și IV se acceptă orice variantă posibilă corectă.

NU SE ACORDĂ PUNCTE DIN OFICIU.